

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1-19 (cancelled).

20. (New) A fastener for multiple locking of doors or wall portions in housings or cabinets, particularly for outdoor use, comprising:

a lockable actuation member such as a handle lever and further comprising a drive toothed wheel which is connected to said actuation member supported in a door so as to be rigid against rotation and which engages with a lock rod which is supported in the door so as to be displaceable axially and which has teeth on at least one side;

one or more lock elements which is/are held in the door so as to be rotatable or swivelable and which is/are coupled with the lock rod; and

for each lock element, a driven toothed wheel, which is connected to the lock element so as to be rigid against rotation and which engages with the tothing of the lock rod, being held on the door in a rotatable manner in order to couple the lock rod with the lock element or lock elements.

21. (New) The fastener according to claim 20, wherein the lock rod which is supported so as to be displaceable axially is guided in a plurality of separate metal guide parts or plastic guide parts.

22. (New) The fastener according to claim 20, wherein the lock rod, which is supported so as to be displaceable axially, is guided in an elongated metal profile or plastic profile.

23. (New) The fastener according to claim 22, wherein the lock rod is so guided near the edge of the door.

24. (New) The fastener according to claim 20, wherein a lock element is arranged

on the driven toothed wheel and, optionally, the drive toothed wheel so as to be rigid against rotation.

25. (New) The fastener according to claim 20, wherein the lock element comprises a bent and/or shaped sheet-metal lug which can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotation.

26. (New) The fastener according to claim 20, wherein the lock element comprises a shaped or injection-molded plastic lug or metal lug which can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotation.

27. (New) The fastener according to claim 20, wherein the lock element comprises a metal carrier part such as bent and/or shaped sheet-metal lugs or injection-molded plastic lugs or metal lugs on which a shaped part made of plastic or another material with favorable sliding properties is arranged and which can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotation.

28. (New) The fastener according to claim 27, wherein the shaped part which is arranged on the lock element for engaging behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour has a curved contour which enables a long closing path when loaded by closing forces.

29. (New) The fastener according to claim 20, wherein the lock element is made exclusively from plastic or another material with good sliding properties and can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotating.

30. (New) The fastener according to claim 20, wherein the lock element comprises a carrier part enclosing a shaped part that can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotating, and in that the lock element, in its entirety, is made of plastic or of a metal part with coating of a material with good sliding properties.

31. (New) The fastener according to claim 22, wherein the metal profile or plastic

profile has a substantially U-shaped cross section which encloses the lock rod and toothed wheels.

32. (New) The fastener according to claim 31, wherein the U-shaped profile can be closed by a cover which can be placed thereon.

33. (New) The fastener according to claim 20, wherein the actuation member comprises a swivel lever that can be folded into a trough arranged on the door.

34. (New) The fastener according to claim 33, wherein the trough comprises saw-proofing protection made of hard material.

35. (New) The fastener according to claim 34, wherein the saw-proofing protection can also be retrofitted into the inner contour of the handle lever.

36. (New) The fastener according to claim 35, wherein the saw-proofing protection is a cylindrical pin of hard material which is supported in the handle lever so as to be rotatable around the cylinder axis.

37. (New) The fastener according to claim 33, wherein the trough comprises a lettering surface for displaying the rotating direction or other writing and/or symbols such as company logos.

38. (New) The fastener according to claim 33, wherein the trough has shallow sloping outer side walls.

39. (New) The fastener according to claim 20, wherein the lock rod is guided in such a way that it lies between the door frame and the toothed wheel.

40. (New) The fastener according to claim 39, wherein the lock rod is guided in a U-shaped profile.